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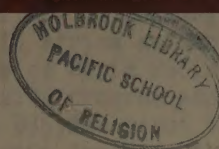
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WCC Executive "Sympathetic" towards Ceylon for 1960 Assembly

The World Council of Churches' third Assembly has now been officially invited by the National Christian Council of Ceylon to meet in Ceylon in 1960. The Executive Committee decided to answer the invitation "sympathetically". Final decision on the place and the date will be made by the Central Committee at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., in August.

The World Council plans to hold the 1958 meeting of its Central Committee on the Island of Rhodes in August. The invitation came from the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople and the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece and was announced to the WCC's Executive Committee at its meeting February 4-8 in Geneva. "We are very happy," said the Council's general secretary, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, at the closing session of the Executive in Geneva on February 8 (see EPS No. 5), "to have this invitation." Final confirmation is expected from the Central Committee.

The 90-member Central Committee will probably hold its 1959 sessions in Western Europe. The smaller Executive Committee meets this summer at Seabury House, Greenwich, Connecticut, USA, and in February, 1958, at William Temple College, Rugby, England. The February 1959 committee has been invited to Argentina as guests of the Protestant Theological Seminary at Buenos Aires. The committee will make its final decision on going to Latin America at its meeting this summer.

Madrid Seminary Still Closed

The committee was told that the Spanish government still refuses to give officials of the Protestant Union Theological Seminary in Madrid, Spain, written permission to reopen the school, closed a year ago.

Seminary officials do not want to resume classes without some kind of written approval from the government. Without it, Dr. Visser 't Hooft said, the school could be closed again any day.

The committee asked one of its presidents, Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of South America, to continue "consultations" for the WCC on the seminary during a visit to Spain he is planning later in the month.

The WCC's Executive Committee, at its meeting last February in Australia, and the Central Committee, meeting in Hungary last August, both protested against the Spanish government's action in closing the school.

Study of Ministry Approved

The Executive Committee approved a five-year study on the training of the ministry to be carried on jointly with the World's Student Christian Federation and involve four

areas of inquiry: the goals, purpose and function of theological education and its relation to the church; the various concepts of the function of the ministry; what theological education should consist of; and the relation of the ecumenical movement to theological education.

The director of the Division of Studies, Dr. Robert S. Bilheimer, told the committee that five studies are being arranged or are under way in Africa as part of the current study on "Common Christian Responsibility towards Areas of Rapid Social Change". It is, he said, the first time the WCC has developed an extensive program and study in Africa. The Phelps-Stokes Fund in the United States has made a \$35,000 grant to aid the study in Africa. The study is also being carried on in Asia, Latin America, the United States, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands and Germany.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr. G.K.A. Bell, Metropolitan James of Melita, Dr. Visser 't Hooft, and Dr. Hans-Heinrich Harms, associate director of the Division of Studies, were named by the committee to represent the World Council at the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in August in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Norman Goodall, secretary of the Joint Committee of the International Missionary Council and the WCC, reported to the committee on the progress being made toward possible integration of the IMC and the WCC in 1960. Proposals will come before the IMC Assembly in December in the Gold Coast for discussion and submission to its member bodies. Final action on integration of the two organizations cannot come until the WCC's third Assembly.

In addition to the regular members of the committee (see EPS No. 4, Feb. 1, 1957), Professor Henri d'Espine, Switzerland; Dr. Eugene L. Smith, USA; and Dr. Simon Marantika, Indonesia; were present as guests. E.P.S., Geneva

WCC Denies Hungarian Charges

A discussion of accusations made against the World Council of Churches by the Hungarian government took place in Prague, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 13. Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, WCC general secretary and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, were appointed by the executive Committee to represent the WCC.

The churchmen revealed that they had met with Janos Horvath, head of the office of church affairs in Hungary. He had agreed to meet them in Prague to discuss the situation. At the meeting the World Council representatives gave a full account of relations between the Hungarian churches and the WCC at the Council's Central Committee meeting last August in Galyateto, Hungary, and subsequently.

"Through Dr. Carl Lund-Quist, executive secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches had word about the difficult situation of the Reformed Church in Hungary and about certain accusations against the World Council which had been made by Hungarian authorities," Dr. Visser 't Hooft said.

In the Prague meeting the WCC representatives refuted accusations such as that published by the Hungarian newspaper, Napaakarat. The paper charged that Dr. Visser 't Hooft had said "At the conference in Galyateto we had already known what was being prepared in Hungary."

The WCC representatives told the Hungarian official that their concern for the position of the church in Hungary had been openly discussed at the Galyateto meeting and brought to the attention of government authorities with regard to the present situation of the Hungarian Reformed church. They emphasized that "their one concern was that this church, as well as other churches, should have leaders which would be fully trusted by their congregations and made it clear that this would only be achieved by the organizing of completely free and independent elections."

Pap Resigns

In other developments in Hungary, it has been reported that Professor Laszlo Pap resigned about two weeks ago as dean of the faculty of the Reformed Theological Seminary in Budapest. He continues on the faculty. Elected by fellow professors to succeed him as dean is Professor Szegledy. It is understood that Reformed Bishop Ladislaus Ravasz again has withdrawn from ecclesiastical affairs and is living at his home in the country as he did before the revolution. He had been acting as Bishop in Budapest for a time following changes in the leadership of the Church. E.P.S., Geneva

ROMANIAReligious Communities Maintained

Monastic life within the Orthodox Church in Rumania is reported to be continuing. There are 520 nuns in convents in Rumania as against 38 in Serbia, 40 in Bulgaria and 60 in the Soviet Union.

The Rumanian convents are the largest in any Soviet country and Rumania is the only country where there are theological seminaries for nuns. The Rumanian Patriarch is well known as an organizer and builder of monasteries. The two teaching centers for women are in Agapia and Horezu. Four thousand out of 7000 nuns and monks live in Moldavia.

The number of Orthodox churches in Belgrade is now twelve, compared with five before the year 1900. In Sofia there are thirty-nine churches and in Bucharest about 300. Moscow has fifty-five churches.

The Rumanian Orthodox Church has produced an abridged illustrated Bible, an introduction to the Old Testament, general and Bulgarian church histories, works on history, dogmatics, ethics, homiletics, pastoral theology and liturgy. It has also printed four illustrated religious booklets for children. E.P.S., Geneva

GERMANYNews of the Churches in the German Democratic Republic

Berlin) - Preaching on Feb. 3 at the Marienkirche in East Berlin, Bishop Otto Dibelius said the Protestant Church in the German Democratic Republic was entering a new phase in its life when it must take "the big step from being a national church to becoming a church of practicing evangelists."

The Bishop said that the church did not want to become involved in a harsh discerning of spirits. But in view of its financial crises (see EPS No. 2) it could no longer "occupy itself with the many people who came to church only to be baptized and then to be given a Christian burial, but took no interest in the church and made no sacrifices for it."

Bishop Dibelius said there was a clear distinction between those who were prepared to make sacrifices and confess their faith, and those who preferred the "dedication of youth" to confirmation and had no time to go to church on Sundays. In the Protestant churches of East Berlin and the Province of Brandenburg more than one collection is now being taken in each service to help meet the financial crisis in the churches.

The next All German Synod of the Evangelical Church in Germany from March 3-8 will not be held at Halle (East Germany) as originally arranged, but at the Johannesstift in Berlin-Spandau (West Berlin). No change has been made in the agenda, which includes a measure to provide for the spiritual care of West German citizens during military service.

The "central bloc of the anti-Fascist Democratic parties and mass organizations" in the Soviet zone has protested unanimously against the All German Synod of the EKID being held in Halle. A resolution drawn up in the presence of Dr. Otto Grotewohl and Dr. Otto Nuschke, vice-president of the German Democratic Republic, says it is impossible to discuss the question of spiritual care in the armed forces on the soil of the German Democratic Republic. The resolution says this is "incompatible with the constitution of the German Democratic Republic, with its uncompromising opposition to NATO and its clear peace policy."

In reply to this resolution, Propst Heinrich Grüber, representative of the EKID with the government of East Berlin, said that the Protestant Church could not permit any non-church body to prescribe what subjects were chosen nor how they were handled. "Here again," he said, "the problem is being over-simplified. It is the Church's duty to support all its members and to speak to them in whatever situation they may find themselves. When the Church organizes spiritual care for people in prison, that does not mean that it either condones the acts committed by the criminal nor that it approves the judgment of the courts of law." Propst Grüber concluded by saying that obviously arranging for spiritual care in the armed forces does not mean "approving militarism" or "supporting NATO".

In a letter to Propst Grüber, Dr. Otto Nuschke explained that the bloc-parties in Eastern Germany were protesting against the fact that spiritual oversight in the armed forces was to have been negotiated with the Bonn government through the All German Synod in Halle; they were not attacking the church as a whole.

Bishop Dibelius, president of the Council of the EKID, has sent a request to President Stoph, Minister of Defence in the German Democratic Republic, asking him to support

the church so that it can carry out spiritual care among the armed forces, including those in the German Democratic Republic.

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Dr. Reinold von Thadden-Trieglaff, president of the German Evangelical Kirchentag, has expressed his regret that representatives of the Kirchentag have not yet received from the competent authorities in East Berlin a date for the discussion of definite plans for the proposed German Kirchentag in Thuringia in East Germany. It is now doubtful whether it will be possible to make the necessary arrangements for the Kirchentag in view of the short time left before next summer.

Dr. Otto Nuschke, however, stated that there would be no difficulty about holding the Kirchentag this summer in Thuringia. E.P.S., Geneva

WCC Executive Discusses Hungary, Cyprus, Colombia

Before closing its meeting on February 8, the World Council of Churches' Executive Committee emphasized the importance of religious liberty in Hungary, reaffirmed positions already taken on Cyprus, heard reports on the situation in Colombia and expressed support for the Ecumenical Patriarchate in the present tensions.

Hungarian Churches

Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist emphasized that the main concern of the World Council must be that the member churches in Hungary should be able to decide in complete freedom which leaders they desire to choose, and that they have full freedom for their evangelistic and educational activities and in their contacts with their sister churches and the World Council.

Cyprus, Colombia

Sir Kenneth Grubb, chairman and Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, director reported on the work of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs:

The position of the CCIA on Cyprus involves recognition of the right of self-determination and acceptance by the people of Cyprus of a period of constitutional advance toward the exercise of this right.

In face of the total international situation, an attempt is being made to keep these two requirements in proper balance. Officers of the CCIA have maintained contact with church leaders and government officials in the countries concerned. Dr. Nolde will be at the UN General Assembly when the Cyprus question comes up for discussion.

The situation in Colombia was reported to be still difficult, partly because it arises from a combination of factors - political, religious, cultural and traditional. The interest and concern of churches in many countries is still being demonstrated by the frequency of inquiries and protests.

Through various agencies of the churches - CCIA, WCC, International Missionary Council, national and denominational bodies - action continues, including consultations with government officials of Colombia and other interested countries. There have also been consultations with laymen and publicity about violations. The CCIA officers reported some chance of improvement in the situation, but they will continue a "case-by-case" approach when difficulties arise.

Ecumenical Patriarchate Supported

The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople was reported as, at present, having to face a difficult situation. (See EPS No. 49, Dec. 21, 1956) The Executive noted that the CC has not let this situation go by default, but has expressed its concern at appropriate times and places. It will continue to keep close to the situation, particularly because of the historical and contemporary significance of the Patriarchate. E.P.S., Geneva

In Brief

The Church Union sub-committee of the Baptist Missionary Society in the United Kingdom reviewed proposals for a United Church of Northern India and unanimously asked that a provision be inserted in the draft constitution for the Church (see EPS No. 48, 1956) making it possible for anyone baptized as an infant to be baptized as a believer if his conscience led him to desire it.

An annual festival of Lyrics (popular hymns in Southern Asian style) and Oriental Church Music is being planned as part of the program of a new department of religious education to be inaugurated by the National Christian Council in Ceylon.

Protestant and Orthodox churchgoers in the United States are being asked to raise a record \$11,500,000 for overseas relief during 1957. Church World Service, relief arm of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, is directing the United Appeal.

The New York Board of Rabbis has called upon the United States Congress to repeal the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act, calling it a "violation of the American spirit of brotherhood." The rabbis, at their 76th annual meeting in New York, said the Hungarian refugee situation "dramatically indicated the inadequacy and injustice" of the act, "with its selective immigration categories." They urged free admission of refugees from tyranny, including Egyptian Jews.

The world premiere of a new oratorio, commissioned jointly by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and Berea College, was held on February 1 and 2 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The oratorio, "Children of God", was composed by Norman Lockwood on the theme of the brotherhood of man. NCC officials described it as the first step in a long-range plan to bring the church's voice to the concert hall.

The Hungarian Protestant churches had not succeeded, in late January, in re-establishing the religious press. The necessary re-authorization has not been granted by the government.

A unanimously favorable response to the first full Protestant service to be televised in France has come in the form of letters from the viewing public. The service was conducted by Pastor Marc Boegner in the small church of Levallois-Perret. Until now Protestant TV programs in France have taken the form of documentary reports.

Dr. Franklin H. Littell was awarded the honorary Doctor of Theology degree on February 1 by the University of Marburg, Germany. Dr. Littell, director of Franz Lieber Haus, an American educational foundation in Germany, was cited for his research in German church history, his work as chairman of the Ecumenical Committee of the German Kirchentag, and his writing in the field of lay education. He was formerly on the staffs of the University of Michigan and Boston University and served as chief Protestant adviser to the US High Commissioner for Germany.

Dr. Ernest A. Payne has been nominated as vice-moderator of the Free Church Federal Council in Great Britain. Dr. Payne, who, as vice-moderator, would automatically take office in March 1958 as moderator of the council, is the general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

The Right Rev. Chandu Ray was consecrated assistant bishop of Lahore in West Pakistan on January 27. The first Pakistani to become an Anglican bishop since partition, Bishop Ray has been secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Pakistan for eight years.

E.P.S., Geneva

ECUMENICAL CALENDAR

1957

Feb. 21-23	World YMCA, Meetings of Standing Committees and Commissions	Geneva
Feb. 24-28	World YMCA, 10th Meeting of the President's Committee	Geneva
Feb. 28-March 3	WCC/WCCE Youth Departments' Committee Meeting	Pottstown, Pa.
March 1-3	WCC, Faith and Order, Theological Commission on Tradition and Traditions - North America	New York, N. Y.
March 5-7	Luth. World Federation, Commission on World Service	Vienna
March 11-18	WSCF, Consultation on Student Work in Asia	Prapat, Indon.
March 12-16	WCC, Ecumenical Conference on Problems of Rapid Social Change in the countries of South-East Asia	Siantar, Indonesia
March 13-18	WCC, ICA and Refugees, Annual Fraternal Workers' Retreat	Bossey, Switzerland
March 18-27	WCC/IMC, East Asian Churches Conference	Prapat, Indon.
March 25-31	World YWCA, Seminar in connection with the 11th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women	New York, N. Y.
April 1-5	Ecumenical Institute, Conference of Philosophers and Theologians on "The Starting Point of Ethics"	Bossey, Switzerland
April 7-10	WCC/IMC, Joint Committee's Sub-Committee on Integration	London
April 8-12	Ecumenical Institute, Consultation for Social Scientists and Theologians	Bossey, Switzerland
April 8-13	WCC, Faith and Order, Lutheran Reformed Consultation	Arnoldshain, Germany
April 10-12	WCC, Administrative Committee of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees	Locarno (?), Switzerland
April 12-18	WSCF Executive Committee meeting	Bossey, Switzerland
April 23-27	WCC, Division of Studies' Commission on "The Lordship of Christ over the World and the Church"	Bossey, Switzerland
April 25-May 1	World Committee on Christian Broadcasting, World Conference on Christian Radio/Television	Kronberg Castle, Germany
April 26-May 4	Annual Ecumenical Youth Leaders' Course	Berlin
April 28-29	WCC, Department on the Laity, Consultation on "Laymen Working Abroad"	Farnham, Surrey, England
May	United Bible Societies, Sub-Committee on Translation	To be fixed
May 5-6	Conference of representatives of several American Student Christian Movements on proposed merger	Cincinnati, Ohio
May 6-14	WCC, Department on the Laity and Youth Dept. Training Course and Consultation on "Dialogue and Imagination"	Kasteel Oud Poelgeest, Netherlands

May 8-10	U.S. Conference for the W.C.C.	Buck Hill Falls, Penna.
May 11-17	Ecumenical Work Camp Leaders' Training Course	Bossey, Switzerland
May 12-19	Brethren Service Commission, Annual European Workers' Conference	Austria
May 12-25	World YWCA Executive Committee	Cret-Bérard, Switzerland
May 17-21	WCC, Meeting of the Committee on the Study "Our Common Christian Responsibility towards Areas of Rapid Social Change"	Geneva
May 17-24	IMC/WCCE Caribbean Consultation	San German, Puerto Rico
May 20-21	WCC, Faith and Order, Theological Commission on Worship - North America	Chicago, Ill.
May 20-24	Ecumenical Institute, Consultation on Evangelism and the Structure of the Church	Bossey, Switzerland
May 23-27	United Bible Societies, Conference of Staff and Committee members	Woudschoten, Netherlands
May 26-June 12	WCC, ICA and Refugees, East European Pastors' Conference	Bossey, Switzerland
May 27-31	WCESSA, Latin Countries Conference on "The Word of God preached to the Family"	Cret-Bérard, Switzerland
May 31-June 3	WCC, Consultation on the study "Our Common Christian Responsibility towards Areas of Rapid Social Change"	Buenos Aires, Argentina
May 31-June 5	WCC, Annual Consultation of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees	Eastbourne, England
June 3-7	WCC, Faith and Order, Theological Commission on Tradition and Traditions - Europe	Netherlands
June 3-11	WSCF, Student Pastors' Conference	Bossey, Switzerland
June 4-10	WCC, Faith and Order, Theological Commission on Worship - Europe	Netherlands
June 5-7	WCC, Youth Department, European Working Groups, St. Albans	Great Britain
June 6-8	WCC, Administrative Committee of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees	London
June 10-15	WCC, Faith and Order, Theological Commission on Christ and the Church - Europe	Netherlands
June 15-29	Ecumenical Institute, Course for Missionaries and Pastors from Younger and Older Churches	Bossey, Switzerland
June 16-21	"Film in the Church" (Conference on the Practical Use of Visual Methods by the Churches)	Swanwick, England
June 24-28	WCC, Division of Studies, Commission on "Christians and the Prevention of War in an Atomic Age - A Theological Discussion"	Cret-Bérard, Switzerland
June 24-29	Youth Faith and Order Consultation	Netherlands

July	United Bible Societies, Latin American Regional Conference	Argentina
July 5-8	WCC, Youth Department, Orientation Weekend for USA Work Campers	Bossey, Switzerland
July 5-12	2nd Meeting of the World Council of the World Alliance of YMCAs	Kassel, Germany
July 10-20	Ecumenical Institute, Vacation Course for Laymen	Bossey Switzerland
July 10-24	United Bible Societies Council Meeting and Conference	Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro Brazil
July 15-19	WCC, Faith and Order, Theological Commission on Christ and the Church, North America	New Haven, Conn.
July 15-20	WCC, Joint Consultation of Departments on Laity and Cooperation of Men and Women on "The Renewal of the Church"	New Haven, Conn.
July 16-20	WCC, Division of Studies, Commission on "The Lordship of Christ over the World and the Church"	New Haven, Conn.
July 17-19	WCC/IMC Department on Missionary Studies, Consultation on Theology of Mission	New Haven, Conn.
July 20	WCC/IMC Sub-Committee on Theology of Mission	New Haven
July 20	WCC, Department on Faith and Order, Working Committee	New Haven
July 20-22	WCC, Administrative Committee of the Division of Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees	New Haven, Conn.
July 20-24	WCC/IMC Commission of the Churches on International Affairs	New Haven, Conn.
July 20-25	WCC, The Faith and Order Commission	New Haven
July 20-26	World YMCA, 3rd European Area Conference and European Area Conference for Older Boys	Aarhus, Denmark
July 21-23	WCC, Department on Laity, Workshop on "The Role of the Laity in the Missionary Outreach of the Church"	New Haven
July 21-23	IMC Officers' Enlarged Consultation	New Haven
July 21-25	WCC, Department on Cooperation of Men and Women, Working Committee	New Haven
July 21-25	WCC, Working Committees for Ecumenical Action	New Haven
July 22-25	WCC/WCCE Youth Departments' Committee Meeting	New Haven
July 23-26	Seminar on the YWCA as a World Christian Movement	Geneva
July 23-27	WCC/IMC Joint Committee	New Haven
July 24-25	WCC, Department on Laity, Working Committee	New Haven
July 24-27	WCC, Department on Church and Society, Working Committee	New Haven
July 25-27	Luth. World Federation, Commission on World Service	New York, N. Y.
July 25-Aug. 14	WSCF/Ecumenical Institute, Theological Students' Course	Bossey, Switzerland

July 26	WCC, Divisional Committee for Ecumenical Action	New Haven
July 26-27	WCC, Department of Information Working Committee	New Haven
July 26-28	WCC, Faith and Order, Consultation on Church Union	New Haven
July 27-28	WCC, Study Division Committee	New Haven
July 28-30	WCC, Executive Committee	Greenwich, Conn.
July 29-30	Luth. World Federation, Latin America Committee	New York, N. Y.
July 30-Aug. 7	WCC, Central Committee	New Haven
Aug. 2-10	Luth. World Federation, Commission on World Mission	Staten Island, N. Y.
Aug. 5	Luth. World Federation, Commission on Stewardship and Congregational Life	Springfield, Ohio
Aug. 5-10	Luth. World Federation, Seminar on Christian Family	Northfield, Minn.
Aug. 5-11	"Kirk Week" of the Scottish Churches	Aberdeen, Scotland
Aug. 6	Luth. World Federation, Commission on Inner Missions	Columbus, Ohio
Aug. 6-11	Luth. World Federation, Youth Conference	Onamia, Minn.
Aug. 6-16	WSCF/YMCA, Student Conference on "Freedom"	Isle of Mainau, Germany
Aug. 7-10	Luth. World Conference on Social Responsibility	Springfield, Ohio
Aug. 8	WCC Consultation with WCCE	To be fixed
Aug. 8-9	National Christian Councils	New Haven
Aug. 8-13	World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Executive Committee	USA
Aug. 8-15	Luth. World Federation, International Student Study Conference	St. Paul, Minn.
Aug. 9-10	Luth. World Federation, Commission on Theology-Liturgy	St. Paul, Minn.
Aug. 10	Luth. World Federation, Sub-Committees	USA
Aug. 11-14	Luth. World Federation, Executive Committee	Northfield, Minn.
Aug. 11-18	International Conference of the League of Old-Catholic and Anglican Youth	Woudschoten, Netherlands
Aug. 12-14	Luth. World Federation, Conference of Lutheran Theological Professors	St. Paul
Aug. 13-14	Luth. World Federation, Meeting of Women Delegates to 3rd Assembly	St. Peter, Minn.
Aug. 15-25	Third Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation	Minneapolis, Minn.

g. 25-27	Luth. World Federation, Executive Committee	Minneapolis
g. 27-30	Luth. World Federation, Latin America Committee	Dubuque, Iowa
pt.	WCC, Youth Department, Third Conference of Latin Countries' Youth	To be fixed
pt. 3-10	WCC, Faith and Order Conference on "The Nature of the Unity We Seek"	Oberlin, Ohio
pt. 27-29	Conference of representatives of several American Student Christian Movements on proposed merger	Indianapolis, Indiana
t. 1 - Dec. 31	The Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies, first part of the 6th session	Bossey, Switzerland
t. 10-16	International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ)	Cleveland, Ohio
t. 10-17	Eleventh Ecumenical European Youth Secretaries Meeting	Hamburg, Germany
ov. 12-14	United Bible Societies/WCC/IMC, Co-operating Committee on the Place and Use of the Bible	Berlin, Germany
ec. 10	Friends of the WCC	New York, N. Y.
ec. 28-Jan.8	IMC Assembly	University College, Gold Coast, Africa

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In answer to Protestant charges, some Catholics have said that hundreds of their fellow Catholics have been killed in Colombia. They said that the situation is not as bad as it is often reported to be.

Protestant charges in most other South American countries are also not as serious as they are often reported to be. They said that the situation is not as bad as it is often reported to be.

Fifth Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies

The fifth session of the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies will be held in January. It will be held in January.

At the opening meeting, the largest number of students in the school's history were present. They said that the situation is not as bad as it is often reported to be.

